

1,000,000 Tons Of Shipping on Ways in U. S.

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All Private Contracts

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and Low Exchange
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The Atlantic Coast Shipbuilders' Association, in a statement issued yesterday, said that almost 1,000,000 gross tons of steel steamships, not including those being built for the Shipping Board, are now under construction in the shipyards of the United States.

The tonnage actually being constructed on the order of private enterprises, according to the statement, is almost equal in volume to the entire seagoing shipping of the country at the outbreak of the war and "is seven times as great as the ship construction of all types under way in this country at the beginning of hostilities."

The statement reads: "For months past, shipbuilding to government order has been steadily dwindling, and these months have been crucial ones for the American shipyards. With the chaotic condition of foreign exchange, rendering it practically impossible to secure orders from foreign sources, American yards have faced the necessity of obtaining contracts from private enterprise at home or ceasing to operate, as Shipping Board orders were completed, canceled or suspended."

Situation Serious

"The seriousness of the situation was accentuated by the fact that the government had upon its hands millions of tons of completed vessels, for which it was seeking purchasers on easy terms—an additional element of competition for the shipyards to woe."

"Under these circumstances it is interesting to note that the private construction of steel steamships now under way is practically equal to the full decrease in the work of a similar type for the Shipping Board. In other words, the yards so far have been able to replace with private orders the shrinkage caused by the completion of government steel contracts, and if this can be kept up the future of American shipbuilding on its present basis is assured."

Summaries prepared from the official records of the American Bureau of Shipping and Lloyd's Register, the leading classification societies, show continued progress in the amount of tonnage being built. In the last month the gain has amounted to nearly 175,000 gross tons and since last September more than 625,000 tons. How steady the increase has been is shown by the

total under construction for the last four months, as follows:

| | Gross tons. |
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| October | 347,843 |
| November | 350,114 |
| December | 305,147 |
| January | 377,488 |

Distribution of Tonnage

"In the amount of tonnage being constructed the Federal Shipbuilding Company leads the way with thirty-five vessels of 208,276 gross tons, composed of twenty-six freighters aggregating 166,276 tons, five tankers totaling 50,000 tons, and four barges of 2,000 tons total. The Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation follows with twenty-four vessels of 184,888 tons, of which twenty-three are tankers of an aggregate of 177,738 tons and one an ore carrier of 7,150 tons. The Sun Shipbuilding Company has under way thirteen tankers of 91,017 tons and a freighter of 7,700 tons."

"The largest amount of freighter tonnage being built for one concern consists of twenty vessels, aggregating 120,000 tons, for the United States Steel Corporation."

"Especially gratifying is the continued increase in the number of yards engaged on private contracts. In October these totaled twenty-seven, in November thirty-one and in December thirty-eight. For January the figure has risen to forty-three."

Flu Wanes in Chicago; Death Roll Also Falls

Officials Cheered by Decrease in
Number of Victims Over
Saturday's List

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—New cases of influenza and pneumonia and deaths from the diseases in the last twenty-four hours showed a sharp decline from Saturday, and Health Department officials announced to-night that the outlook was encouraging.

Influenza cases reported to-day numbered 591, against 880 Saturday, and pneumonia cases decreased from 352 to 246. Influenza caused ninety-eight deaths, as compared with 122 yesterday, and seventy-five persons died of pneumonia, a decrease of ten from the previous day.

White Alumni Association

To Give Banquet February 14

The George White Alumni Association, composed of former pupils of George White at Public School 79, or at either of the schools in this city where he taught for fifty-three years, will give a dinner in Mr. White's honor at the Hotel Savoy February 14. The association was formed twenty-five years ago and held annual dinners until the United States entered the war, since when they have been dispensed with until this year. Mr. White is eighty-four years old.

Among his former pupils who expect to attend the dinner are Judge Joseph R. Mulqueen, of General Sessions; Supreme Court Justice Bartow S. Weeks; Magistrate Cornelius Huth; Mark Eisner, former Collector of Internal Revenue; Rabbi Joseph Silverman, John F. O'Rourke and Henry G. Bigham.

Mark Is Sunk So Low It Won't Buy Jewelry

Berlin Merchants Refuse to
Deal With Americans Who
Offer German Money in
Payment for Diamonds

Gloomy Feeling Prevails

"World Speeding Unawares,
Into Chaos," the "Frankfurter
Zeitung" Says

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BERLIN, Feb. 1.—German currency has depreciated to such a low point that some merchants have begun to refuse to take it. Americans here have had such experiences with jewelers on Unter den Linden and other principal streets. The Americans planned to make a profit by converting their dollars into marks at the present rates and buying diamonds here to take back to America. The would-be buyers, however, met with flat refusals everywhere. The jewelers refused to accept marks for diamonds or other jewels.

Although the value of the mark has improved within the last two days, bankers continue to regard the situation as extremely dangerous for Germany because it has become well impossible for Germans to import foreign raw materials and foodstuffs. It is understood that the so-called Valuta Commission, which is deliberating on the situation in search of a remedy, soon will propose that an international financial congress be called. The commission already has worked out a plan which it is believed will permit immediate action by the nations in concert.

Berlin's chief bankers continue to prognosticate only the gloomiest and most dismal developments for the future, not only in Germany but throughout eastern and southeastern Europe. "The Frankfurter Zeitung" to-day says: "The world is speeding, unawares, into chaos."

BERLIN, Feb. 1 (By The Associated Press).—Commenting on reports that the German nation is planning to stop paying interest on national war and state loans, the "Lokal Anzeiger" accuses the Independent Socialists of being the "wirepullers" who are responsible. It says these rumors are an attempt to frighten the general public and come as a sequel to the failure two weeks ago of an intended uprising.

"Cancellation of interest on loans," the newspaper says, "would cause the collapse of the nation and the complete ruin of the German people. Despite the fearful financial situation,

we have no reason to look hopelessly at the future. If two conditions are irresistibly fulfilled by the German people—work and economy by state and individuals. Naturally they are necessary for foreign recuperation.

"France is apparently beginning to see that Germany must be kept in a position to pay her debts since the stoppage of interest payments would bring about the financial collapse of France, too. This should be considered by the unthinking, who are giving credence to reports about the stoppage of interest payments."

PARIS, Feb. 1.—Proposals by Frederick Francois-Marcel, Minister of Finance, for an international conference on the exchange situation has been approved in principle by the Council of Ministers.

Millerand to Continue
"Tiger's" Fume Policy

Premier Declared Ready to
Carry Out Plan Agreed
On With Britain

PARIS, Feb. 1.—The French government has not changed in any way its attitude on the Adriatic question adopted in conformity with the decisions of the Supreme Council January 29. It is declared in the best authorized circles here. The French delegation's decision was taken after the receipt of the note from Signor Ritti, the Italian Premier, and was in full agreement with him.

It was added to-day that M. Millerand, the French Premier, stands ready to carry out the understanding agreed upon by the French and British governments. While abstaining from any initiative in the matter, M. Millerand is welcoming any suggestion from Rome and Belgrade in the interest of a prompt solution of the Adriatic question.

ROME, Feb. 1.—In an editorial dealing with the Jugo-Slav answer to the ultimatum of the Supreme Council of the peace conference, the "Giornale d'Italia" says: "We will see whether America will take upon herself responsibility for delaying peace, for the Adriatic question has become devoid of any importance since sovereignty over the state of Fiume has been excluded from it. President Wilson showed he was siding with Jugo-Slavia, but now he does not have a majority with him, and his verdict would not be ratified by public opinion in his country or in Congress."

Belief is expressed by the "Tribuna" that Jugo-Slavia cannot appeal to America because the proposed compromise was presented by the Allies without participation by the United States. It says this was "due to the defeat of President Wilson in his own country and the virtual withdrawal of America from the peace conference."

65 French Deputies Back Bill for Full Sex Equality

Measure Provides That All Fu-
ture Laws Shall Affect
Human Beings Alike

PARIS, Feb. 1. Jules Guesde, Socialist leader, backed by sixty-five members of the Chamber of Deputies, has introduced a bill in the Chamber which would give women civil, political and economic equality with men. Three clauses of the bill provide:

First—All registered dispositions establishing the inferiority of women as compared with men are hereby suppressed.

Second—Women are admitted to benefit by all laws which hitherto have applied only to men.

Third—All future laws will affect the human being without distinction of sex.

"The Excelsior" to-day prints interviews with six prominent deputies of various groups in the Chamber, all of whom are in favor of the bill.

"The World," said M. Guesde to-day, "has scarcely awakened from the bloody nightmare into which the errors of society, as it is now constituted, plunged it. The social reform which must follow can never be realized without the close collaboration of all human beings."

Tailor's Parrot Proves Perfect Burglar Alarm

Eight Times Polly's Cries
Frighten Away Thieves From
Pearl Street Home

Sam Sherman's parrot, for the eighth time, frustrated an attempt to rob Sam's tailor shop and living quarters, at 291 Pearl Street, last night.

The Sherman family's dining room is on the ground floor behind the shop, while the other living rooms are on the floor above, where the parrot's cage hangs.

Last evening Sam, Mrs. Sherman and their daughter Celia, twenty years old, were just sitting down to supper when they heard a series of piercing shrieks from Polly. They rushed out. Celia in the lead, and discovered a young man fleeing from the hallway. Celia gave chase and overtook him after two blocks, hanging on until Detectives Rowan and Trigg, of the Oak Street station, came to her assistance.

The prisoner was taken to Police Headquarters. He described himself as Frank E. Ebelo, twenty-two years old, with no fixed abode. The detectives say a jimmy was found on him and that it fitted into newly made dents in Sherman's door jamb.

Seven burglars who preceded last night's intruder were being scared away by Polly's outcries, the tailor told the police.

Three-Cent Envelopes to Go

U. S. Authorizes Sale at Present
Letter Postage Rate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—On account of the prevailing paper shortage as well as for the sake of economy the Post-office Department has authorized the sale, after special cancellation, of all unsold three-cent stamped envelopes for use at the present letter postage rate.

With the restoration of two-cent postage a large unused supply of three-cent envelopes was left on the hands of the postmasters and, as the demand for new envelopes was greater than the available supply, it was decided to convert the three-cent envelopes by a canceling process in a form to meet present needs.

Rabbi's Faith Brings Death

Benumbed, Tries to Light Fire
as Sabbath Ends, and Burns

Because he held firmly to the tenets of his religion, Rabbi Harris Rothenberg died yesterday in Kings County Hospital from burns received in his home, 609 New Jersey Avenue, Brooklyn, Saturday night. His daughter, Mrs. Solomon Levinson, 609 Vermont Street, Brooklyn, said her father being an orthodox Jew would make no fire in his house until the Sabbath was ended.

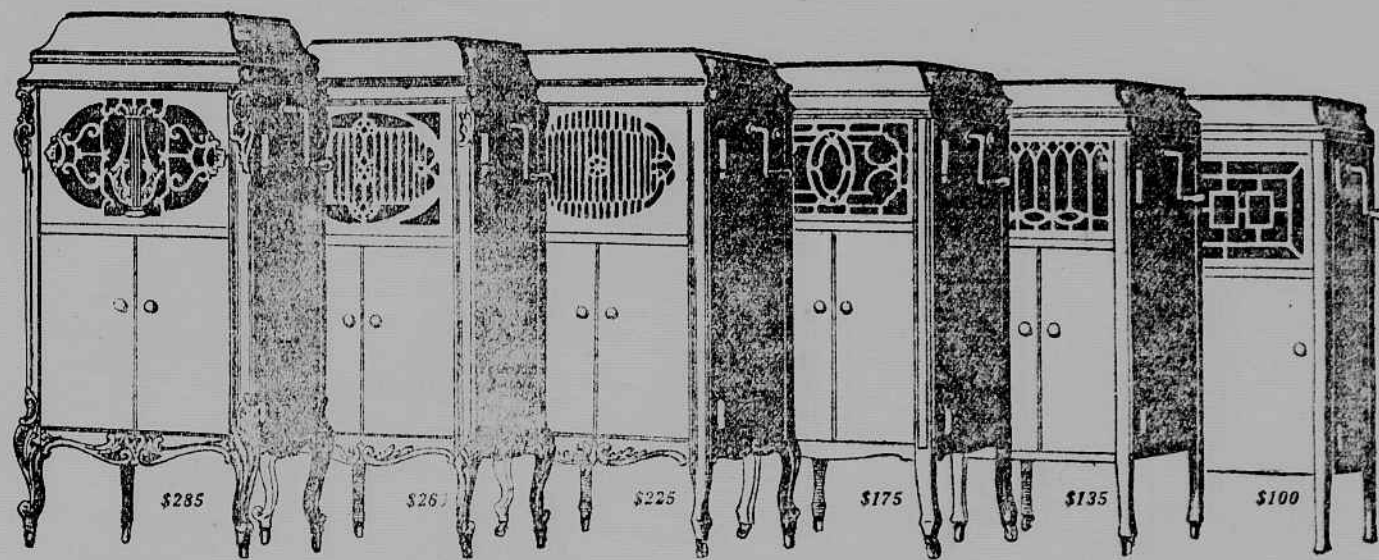
Accordingly all day long he endured the bitter cold, until the sun set and the Jewish Day of Rest was over. Then he attempted to build a fire, but his hands were numb and he shuddered in the grip of a chill. In some manner he poured kerosene over himself and caught fire.

Gimbel Brothers

37th ST. - BROADWAY - 33rd ST.

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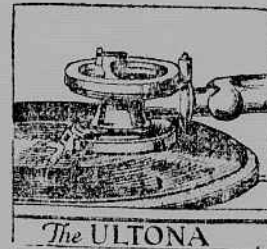
FRANKLY, this advertisement is not written for the purpose of bringing business to the Gimbel Store. We publish it rather as a measure of tribute to the Brunswick Phonograph and to its makers.

YOU will find the Brunswick occupying a commanding position at the national music show. You will find it occupying a like position in the Gimbel Salons—as well as in the minds and hearts of the thousands who have purchased them here.

GIMBEL Brothers were the original sponsors of the Brunswick in New York. We brought it here from the West; gave it its baptism in a whirlwind campaign of sales, and are still proud to fly the Brunswick pennant from the mast-head.

The Ultora — The Exclusive Brunswick Reproducing Device

The Brunswick Ultora, all record reproducer, and the new all-wood Tone Amplifier bring out tones hitherto lost. Each record is played at its best. So faithful is the Brunswick Method of Tone Reproduction that one marvels at its clearness, its richness, its melodiousness.

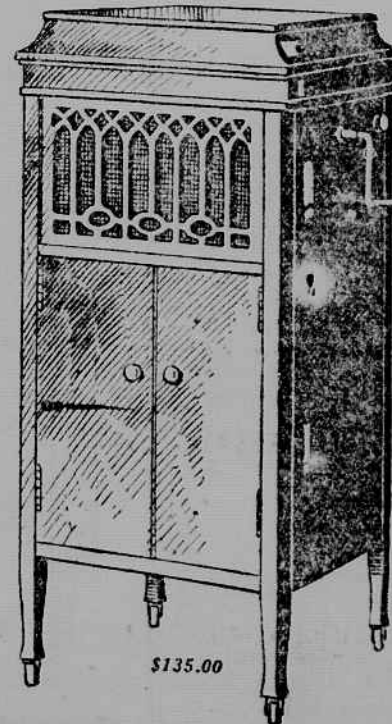
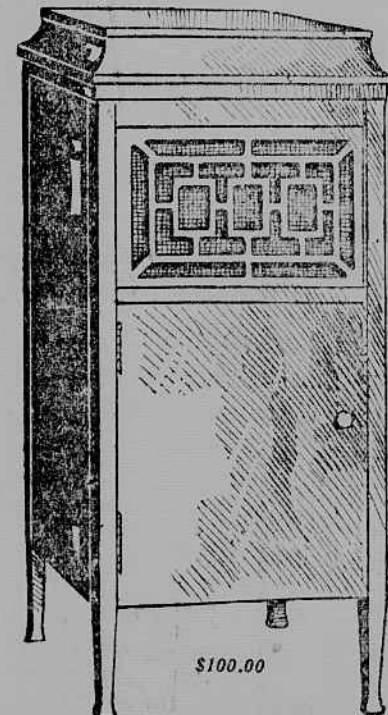


The Shape of the Brunswick Horn Means Superior Tone

One of the secrets of the Brunswick's wonderful tone on All Records is the exclusively patented Oval wooden tone chamber and throat. It actually does eliminate all harshness, all stridency and so-called "tinny" sound that you have always thought a necessary evil of the old style "Talking Machine."

Every Brunswick
a Big Value in
Tone, Size,
Appearance

The Brunswick in its generous size and splendid appearance is typical of its Western origin—the wide spaces and magnificent vistas. So—not only is its size conducive to richness of tone—but its general good looks make it a noteworthy acquisition to the most elegant room in the most elegant home. The sketches convey a slight idea of this characteristic.



Franklin Simon & Co.

Fifth Avenue, 37th and 38th Streets

TWELVE NEW SPRING MODELS IN WOOL JERSEY SUITS

FOR MISSES of 14 to 20 YEARS

Whenever a Tailored Suit is Correct, Wherever
a Sports Suit is Necessary, a Suit of
Wool Jersey is Appropriate

WOOL JERSEY is an ingenious fabric, but it remained for the Misses' Suit Shop to exploit its ingenuity.

In one suit it assumes a tailored guise and exhibits all the accomplishments of the skilled needle. In another it swings into lines that are sports-like and free, and adds a touch of brushed wool trimming expressive of the outdoors spirit.

Here it flaunts style rouches in the new point of a pocket, the new cut of a collar. There it becomes conservative and reverts to the familiar pleats of the Norfolk. Sometimes its weave is heavy and close, sometimes light and loose. Now it appears in sturdy heather mixtures, again in colors as gay as a tropical setting—or perhaps it is white, the newest and smartest of all.

There is an individual model suited to the specific needs of every particular Miss, for now and later, whether she goes a-traveling or remains in town.

29.50 to 59.50

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